

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims as follows.

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5. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;
- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a second rod that is mounted for sliding movement [[movable]] along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moving in a slot of the shaft; and
- a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or [[close]] closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod.

6. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said shaft, said handle, said first rod and said frame are fixed together through removable fixing means.

7. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[2]] 6, wherein said removable fixing means are clipping means.

8. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said slot of the shaft has, at each end, a groove that enables the first rod to be locked in a position

corresponding to a sack that is opened and in a position corresponding to said sack that is [[in]] closed.

9. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said sack is provided with holes receiving hooks for fixing the sack to the frame.

10. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said sack comprises a plastic tie for closing said sack before being thrown away.

11. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said handle is hollow for receiving at least one extra sack.

12. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein fixing means are provided to fix the collector to a leash.

13. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[8]] 12, wherein two fixing means are provided, one constituted by a VELCRO ® strip and the other by a ring fixed to the handle.

14. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein [[its elements are realized in]] the sack material is made from a biodegradable material.